

# SMLACE INTERFACE

November 1987

SANTA MARIA/LOMPOC ATARI COMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS

## MIDI-Maze Pizza Fun Night

WHAT??? MIDI-Maze?? Pizza Fun Night? What in the world is he talking about? I can hear the confusion that raining supreme in your mind. So let's break this down and let me explain what I am talking about.

Let's start with Pizza fun Night. On December 2, in place of the regular S.M.L.A.C.E. meeting, we are going to be meeting at the Round Table Pizza Parlor in the Oak Knolls Shopping Center for a night of fun and family entertainment. This is something different for our club.

We will be holding a short, real short meeting to take care of any club business and hold the drawing for the \$20ST that S.M.L.A.C.E. and The Atari Federation is raffling off. Then after the short business meeting, we will all have a chance to meet each other's better halves and their offspring. During this time, you may if you wish, order Pizza or other food from Round Table. If you tell them that you are with the club, they will give you a 10% discount on your food or you may use one of the coupons found on the pages of the newsletter. However, you may not use them both.

Now that you know what Pizza night is all about, what the heck is MIDI-Maze you ask? Well, MIDI-Maze is a multi-user interactive game developed for the ST. It allows as many as 16 ST computers to be hooked up together through their midi ports, each reacting with each other through the software. The game itself, named MIDI-Maze is a Pacman type of game which has been referred to as "Kill a Happy Face". Each computer has its own color happy face which the user controls as he wanders through a maze. The difference is that unlike Pacman, you are in the maze and cannot see the overall maze as you can in Pacman. As each user wanders through the maze and rounds corners, he may come face to face or come up behind another user. At this point, he tries to shoot his opponents and be the last happy face to survive, thereby becoming the winner.

Several other user groups have set up tournaments based on MIDI-maze. I understand that the game is really addictive to "some", "many", "all" who play it. At any rate, we shall see. I only know that I was unable to get on on of the 16 ST's that were running MIDI-Maze at the Atari Faire in Glendale. I sure would have liked to. I might have even still been there playing MIDI-Maze. Who knows -- See everyone on Dec. 2 to find out.

## Member Survey 1988

The new year brings with it a new set of officers for S.M.L.A.C.E. In order to assist them to serve you in the best possible way, we would like for you to take a few minutes and fill out the member survey form on the last two pages of the newsletter. You may return it to any one of the officers at the November or December meeting or if you cannot attend, drop it in the mail to the club P.O. Box.

Some may feel that filling out yet another survey form will not do any good, but I assure you that the new board will look at the information and see what you have to say. So here is your chance to voice your opinions. If you have no opinion, we must only assume that you do not care what your officers do with the club meetings during the coming year. Please, return the survey with your comments and suggestions.

Mike

## 52nd ST Raffle

December 2

Don't Miss Out





The SANTA MARIA LOMPOC ATARI COMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS is an Independent ATARI Computer Users Group.

Meetings are held the First Wednesday of Each Month at the Oak Knoll Bowl in Santa Maria, at 7:00 p.m.

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## CALENDAR of coming events

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- Wed. Nov. 4 - S.M.L.A.C.E. Meeting  
Oak Knoll Bowl 7 pm
  - Wed. Nov. 11 - ST SIG Meeting  
Jim Wooding's house  
398 Highland 7 pm
  - Wed. Dec. 2 - S.M.L.A.C.E. Meeting  
7 pm Round Table Pizza  
Oak Knolls Shopping Center
  - Wed. Dec. 11 - ST SIG Meeting  
Jim Wooding's House



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Jim Keenan

SMLACE's monthly meeting was held October 7, 1987 at Oak Knoll Bowl. There were 24 people present, as we heard from Steve Ramm and Mike Jacobsen on their visit to ACENET's ATARI Fair.

Steve Ramm announced that there would be a raffle of a 620ST (BW monitor). The Raffle will be a joint effort of SMLACE and the Atari Federation. Tickets are \$3.00 donation each. See Mike Jacobsen for your tickets. Come to the November meeting for more information as to when and where the drawing will take place.

The disk of the month (\$2.00) is a public domain word processor, **TEXTPRO** with documentation. This program is highly recommended by Steve, so if you want a Word Processor contact Ray Vigeant. Ray also has copies of all the back issues of the "DISK OF THE MONTH" (for \$2.00 each).

You may not know that all members are entitled to make copies of everything in the Library (you furnish the disk). For more information contact your friendly Librarians, listed in the monthly Newsletter.

Next month Mike Jacobsen will demo The TAX ADVANTAGE program (both 8 bit and the ST).

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## PREZ SEZ

by Steve Ramm

The big news for all you people that missed last month, is that the raffle is on. We will be having the drawing at our meeting, December 2nd, as the ticket sales. We will have a very interesting game demonstrated at the December meeting. It's called Midi-Maze and until you see it, it's just a name I misspelled. So... come to the November meeting and get your tickets to sell or get your winning ticket from one of the club members who are selling them.

This current raffle is an adventuresome effort on our part. The prize, an ST system, is the largest prize we've offered. And when I say we, I include The Atari Federation as they are co-sponsoring the raffle with us. This project requires an effort from all of us. In spite of the rather poor turnout last month we managed to check out quite a few ticket books. For those of you that have missed a few meetings, we are offering an eleventh ticket free as an incentive to sell the first ten. All ticket sales have to be accounted for by the end of November so we can have our raffle in December. So if you come to the November meeting for no other reason, come and get a book of tickets, we need your support.

The profits (what there are of

them, slap, slap, think positive)... THE PROFITS will be spent on a few debts we have, the continued publication of our newsletter (its running on less than a shoestring left) and some upgrading of our services that we offer to our members. Most of what we've tried to do in the past has been blocked by lack of money. It would be nice to turn that around. Looking back on the last year and seeing what we've done, I realized that we haven't done too snappy. We have a large sized library that no one uses, we have periodicals by the boxful that no one reads, we have a BBS that bubbles along in spite of lack of support, we've had guest presentations and yet, sometimes I think cemeteries get more action.

If you start looking around at other clubs, you may be surprised. Some of them seem to be doing better and some of them are less gifted than we are. If there is any solace in being in the middle, that's where we seem to be.

It's hard to ask someone to get involved when we have nothing to be involved in. What we need are people willing to work on a project of their choosing and report back to the members on their progress. This doesn't mean writing a program or making the world safe for Atari owners, but if you've bought a program recently or you've been working with one regularly or you've

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The 8-bit program will then be raffled off as a door prize.

The following names were called for the members raffle: Hoot Gibson absent; Phil Pacheco present (first prize); W. Kesner absent; Bill Honn absent; Doug Clendenin absent; Eric Crolley absent; Robbie Paplin present (second prize).

The ticket raffle was won by Ray Vigant. Ray selected "MATH ENCOUNTER", which seemed appropriate for the Treasurer.

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been looking at programs of a certain "type", then this is something that you could share with us. I'm sure the rest of the members would be interested in following along with you.

When you come to the meeting in November, be prepared for a few changes. We are trying to change our meeting format. One goal is to make the meeting shorter. Sometime after eight we are going to take a short break, come back and have our raffle and then that will be the end of the formal meeting. If you want to stick around and talk to someone, fine, but the raffle will end the meeting. We also want to break the meeting into several short sections, tutorials, demo's, info, etc. If I don't hear from people then I have to take guesses...heh...heh...heh. We're also trying to include ST material in

our meetings and allow our activities to be less equipment intensive. If this raffle goes over poorly we may have a few more changes to make, all of them less than desirable.

So come on out this Christmas season, drag a friend with you and with any luck you might go home with a new ST.



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  - 3) Look for the special drawing to take place in the month of December!!!
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# 1988 S.M.L.A.C.E. Member Survey

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Type: Individual ( ) Family ( )  
 City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Computer(s) owned? 400 800 800XL 1200XL 65XE 130XE 520ST 1040 ST Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of disk drives \_\_\_\_\_ Type: 800 1050 Rana SF314 SF354 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 type of monitor used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of printer used \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of modem used \_\_\_\_\_ Other Equipment \_\_\_\_\_

1. Would you be interested/willing to assist/backup one of the club officers with his/her duties? (y/n) \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Pres. ☐ V. Pres. ☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☐ BBS Sysop ☐ Newsletter Ed. ☐ Librarian

2. What would you like to see S.M.L.A.C.E. do in the coming year? (Outside normal meetings)  
☐ AtariFast Expo/show ☐ Club picnic/family functions ☐ Equipment Raffles ☐ Club Purchases  
☐ Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to see at future meetings? ☐ Application Demo (type) \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Game Demos ☐ Programming (Language) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Educational  
☐ Communications ☐ Utilities ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please indicate below which areas your interests/talents could be used for the benefit of S.M.L.A.C.E.  
☐ Public speaking ☐ Organizational skills ☐ Writing ☐ Product demos ☐ AtariFast worker/helper  
☐ Programming (language) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. If you own a modem, have you called the Treasure Chest BBS? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Which features did you like about the BBS? \_\_\_\_\_

Which do you dislike? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to see available on the BBS? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you have a favorite piece of software that you would like to bring to a meeting to demo to the group?  
 Which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

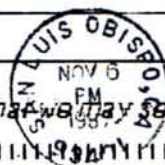
7. Concerning the S.M.L.A.C.E. INTERFACE newsletter, which features do you like best? \_\_\_\_\_

What features do you think could be discontinued and why? \_\_\_\_\_

What new features/article would you like to see added? \_\_\_\_\_

8. In your opinion, what would be the best way to improve S.M.L.A.C.E.? \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_
9. Have you ever participated in any SIG (special interest Group)? \_\_\_\_\_ Which one? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Would you be interested in joining/leading a SIG? \_\_\_\_\_ On what subject? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What do you feel that you could do personally to improve S.M.L.A.C.E.? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
11. If you had the power to change anything about the club or its meetings, what would you change?  
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12. What do you think the club should chant most to keep and attract new members? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
13. What would inspire more members to participate in club activities? \_\_\_\_\_  
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*we thank you for your response to this survey so that we may serve you better*



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